

REMARKS

Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 11 and 12 are currently pending with the entry of this amendment.

Claim 4 has been amended into independent form incorporating the language of now cancelled Claim 1.

Claims 5 and 7 have been amended to be dependent upon Claim 4.

Claim 8 has been amended to be dependent upon Claim 7.

Claim 11 has been amended into independent form incorporating the language of now cancelled Claim 9.

Claim 12 has been amended to be dependent upon Claim 11.

The Applicant has amended the claims in view of the Examiners interview of September 3, 2003. The Applicant submits the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance.

The Office Action rejected Claims 4, 5, 7, 8, 11 and 12 as being unpatentable over Hakomori (076), Amagai and further in view of Umise et al.

The Office Action acknowledges that Hakomori and Amagai do not disclose the property requirements of static/dynamic coefficient of friction between 0.1 and 0.7, and 0.1 and 0.6 respectively. The Office Action uses Umise in an attempt to correct this deficiency.

The Applicant, as stated previously and in the interview, understands Umise discloses a thermal transfer sheet for use in transferring the ink images to the ink recording sheet, not a recording material with an ink receiving layer (see column 2, lines 54-62, column 3, lines 1-3). The properties of table 8 of Umise, relied upon by the Office Action are directed to transfer sheets.

It is the Applicants understanding that, during the interview, this point was acknowledged by the Examiner. All the currently pending claims contain the features of static and dynamic coefficients of friction as discussed above.

Therefore, the rejection of Claims 4, 5, 7, 8 and 11 and 12, relying on Umise cannot stand. The Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of these Claims.

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